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Strange Wonders hath bēn lately ſhown
within our Engliſh Nation;
But none ſo ſtraunge as this was known,
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Then give attention to the ſame,
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To tell the truth it is no ſhame,
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his Neighbours all can tell;
It was his Wife which did bring forth
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From Eaſt to Weſt, from North to South
the News thereof will ring.

It was but in October laſt,
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The ſecond Part, to the ſame Tune.

Two Heads it had, grew oppoſite,
the Picture plain appeares
With all proportions fair in ſight,
Mouthes, Noſes, Eyes and Eares,
Two Bodies ſhaped perfectly,
down to the Navel ſeen,
And there they joyned wondrouſly,
the Hipps and Leggs betwéen.

The bodies being joyn'd in one,
were of the Female Sex,
The like thereof was never known,
they ſtrangely did Conner;
Four Armes were on the body plac'd,
it had of Leggs but two;
Thus Nature had her work defac'd,
which ſhe doth ſeldom do.

The Women they were all afraid
to ſée this fearfull ſight,
Alſo the Midwife much diſmay'd
when as it came to light.
But moſt of all the Mother weak
her grievious Paines was much,
She had not power long time to ſpeak
her ſorrow it was ſuch.

Two dayes and nights this Monſter liv'd
in woefull miſery,
The Parents they were ſadly griev'd,
the Neighbours came to ſée;
At length it dy'd, and was convey'd
for Chyurgeons to Diſſect,
And what Report thereof had ſaid,
they found it in Effect.

Another Babe this Mother had
brought forth at the ſame birth,
A comelier Child on woman had
upon the face o'th Earth;
Nature in that did make amends,
proportioning each Part;
She may bring joy unto her Friends,
and chear her Mothers heart.

Afflictions God doth ſometimes ſend
to Parents for thier ſin,
When they will not their lives amend,
then doth the Lord begin
With Judgments for to humble them,
and make them feel his hand;
O turn unto the Lord in time,
for none can Him withſtand.

Our God hath many wayes to make
vile Sinners come to ſhame:
If once they do his Laws forſake,
and wrong his holy Name,
A thouſand Judgments (worſe then this)
he on that People brings,
That will not mend what is amiſs,
but act ſuch hainous Sinnes:

Then Parents all Example take,
at all times ſeek the Lord;
Fruit of your bodies he can make
by your own ſelves abhorr'd:
Your Children which ſhould be a joy
and comfort in the end,
The Lord in fury will deſtroy,
if you do him Offend. FINIS.

A true Relation of this ſtrange and wonderfull MONSTER.

AT *Fiſherton-Anger*, near the City of *Saliſbury* (called *New Saram*) near to the ſign of the Angel, Liveth one *John Waterman* an Oſtler, His Wife (whoſe name is *Mary*) was Delivered (on *Wednesday* the 26th. of *October* 1664. about two a Clock in the Morning) firſt of a very comely Daughter (which is yet living) And after of a ſtrange *Monſter* which was formed Triangular, two Heads (at either end one) four Eyes, two Mouthes four Armes, two Stomacks, And joyned together at the Navell; and below that two Legges and Thighs, with Natures Paſſage (as other Female children have) and a Foundament: They were Baptized at 3 a Clock the ſame Morning, the firſt was named *Eefelet*: and the Monſters were named *Martha* and *Mary*; they had very comely faces, and both received Suſtinance, but not together: This *Monſter* lived two dayes and then dyed, and is Imbalmed, and to be brought to *London* to be ſeen. There hath been both Lords, Ladys, and much Gentry to ſee it; The Father (being a poore man) had twenty pound given him the firſt day, by perſons of Quality.

I *Joſiah Smith*, Practitioner of *Phiſick*, ſaw them all three alive.

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